

"I want to use our budget surplus to protect our seniors and invest in the future."

—Congressman John Oliver



Dear Friend,

For the first time in a generation, the federal government is operating at a budget surplus. Now we must decide what to do with these surplus funds.

Already, the Republicans in Congress are trying to give tax cuts for the wealthy, instead of securing seniors' retirements and health care for our citizens.

That's why I support strengthening Social Security and Medicare by setting aside a portion of the projected budget surplus for Social Security and Medicare. I also support expanding Medicare to cover the cost of prescription drugs.

Our seniors deserve a secure future, and we must act now if we are going to preserve our seniors' retirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Oliver".

John Oliver:

My Plan for the Surplus

✓ STRENGTHENING MEDICARE.

Medicare is running out of money. I want to dedicate a portion of the surplus to strengthen Medicare. This would help ensure that Medicare is always there for our seniors.

✓ MAKE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AFFORDABLE.

The cost of prescription drugs is out of control. That is why I support using a part of the surplus to create a Medicare prescription benefit that would substantially lower drug prices for many seniors.

In addition, I support requiring by law that drug companies offer to everyone the same low prices that are currently made available only to large HMOs, the military and the US government and other countries. This would save seniors one-third of their prescription drug costs.

The best way to solve the problem of inequity of pricing and unreliable care for seniors, is to develop a universal health insurance system for all Americans. I hope that Congress will pass such a program.

✓ PAY DOWN THE DEBT; INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

The budget surplus presents a historic opportunity to pay down our national debt and invest in our priorities like education and medical research. By using the surplus to pay down the debt, we may be able to pay off the national debt by 2015. This alone would keep Social Security solvent well into the 21st Century.

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